

Footprints

NEWSLETTER OF THE ANGLICAN CURSILLO OF CALIFORNIA

January 2005

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2005 WEEKENDS SET

The 3 Day Cursillo Weekends are all set and team formation has begun. The first Weekend will be the Men's Weekend to be held April 28 – May 1. Dick Brown is serving as the Rector/Trainer and has assembled a group of ten men who indicated they wished to be involved in a leadership position serving as part of the Core Team. The Core Team has had its first meeting and two more are planned for the month of January. The first task of this team will be to assemble approximately 10-15 more men who would like to be a part of the team. Team meetings will begin after the middle of February. Currently the team is working on selecting a theme, determining which "mini" team they would like to be a part of, enlisting spiritual directors, and selecting dates and times for team meetings. At this point it looks like team meetings will be held on Friday nights or Sunday afternoons with an occasional Saturday meeting.

Each of the Core Team members will be divided into smaller "mini" teams of 3-4 men. Each mini team will then be totally in charge of a particular day. The specific details will be worked out at our January Core Team meetings. Core Team members include: Frank Casillas, Travis Cox, Grant Davis, Mike Doyle, Larry Flora, John Gische, Dave Peterson, Dave Pierce, Steve Shaffer, Dick Siebert, and Dick Brown as the Rector/Trainer.

Women's Weekend: The Women's Weekend is scheduled for June 2 – 5th at the Angela Center in Santa Rosa. Naomi Chamberlain is serving as the Rectora for this Weekend.

Coed Weekend: The Coed Fall Weekend is set for October 6 – 9th and will be under the leadership of Jim and Pam Luhmann serving as Rector/Rectora.

As of the writing of this Newsletter this is all the information that was available, but you are free to contact any of the individuals named for further information. The crucial part, which each and every one of you has as a part of the larger community, is sponsoring candidates. **Now** is the time to begin this process. Candidate applications are available from our website or by contacting the various Rectors/Rectoras.

LAST FULL MAILING of “FOOTPRINTS”

By Tom Henry

The Anglican Secretariat has been mailing “Footprints” to over 500 addresses, three times a year for many years. The costs have exceeded \$ 1,000 per year and rising more each year. In search of a way to be better stewards of our limited funds, “Footprints” is now posted to the cursilloca.org web site just before they would have been mailed. We will e-mail those for whom we have a correct E-mail address a copy of “Footprints” as a PDF file that you may view and print as you choose. Those without E-mail can still request a hard copy to be mailed at a donation of \$ 5.00 per year for “Footprints” only, or the full annual Cursillo support donation of a minimum of \$ 20.00. There are a few people who have sent in their contributions so they could still receive a hard copy in the mail. “Footprints” will continue to be posted on our web site which is www.cursilloca.org.

To have your E-mail address added to the E-mail list, send Dick Brown a message with: YOUR FULL NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, and E-MAIL ADDRESS to dickb37154@yahoo.com. If you send in a completed 2005 Involvement/Participation form with your contribution and all of the above information you do not have to repeat this process. Information will be taken from the 2005 Involvement/Participation form.

To have your hard copy of “Footprints” mailed please send Dick Brown a letter/note with the same information and your donation for “Footprints” only (\$5.00) to Dick at 1464 Parkhaven Drive Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

If you have already donated for 2005 Cursillo support, please indicate that on your request for “Footprints”.

The web site will enable more communication with the Cursillo Community. Please develop the habit of checking at least monthly for events and opportunities for service.

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WEB SITE TECHNICAL TEAM NEEDED!

Do you possess skills for Web Site implementation? The Secretariat really has a need for your gifts. We are seeking a “development and maintenance” technical team to assist in the implementation and ongoing maintenance of our data bases and web site interfaces to those data bases. If you would like to find out more, contact Tom Henry (925) 240-7274, or E-mail: TRHenry9@comcast.net.

Help the Cursillo Movement get into the 21st century with your God given talents and gifts. You will have the opportunity to work with other professionals who share one thing in common – “a love for Jesus Christ and the spreading of His message.”

THE FUTURE of the ANGLICAN CURSILLO of CALIFORNIA

by

Dick Brown (Lay Director)

Just recently a good friend of mine made a comment that in the Cursillo Movement we have not been able to attract and keep involved the ‘younger’ generation. Knowing our ages, I believe this means those in their 20’s, 30’s, and 40’s. This is not the first time that I have heard this expressed by people who have been active in this movement for many years. In fact last year at our leadership seminar, Father John made the comment that we should not sponsor anyone for a Cursillo weekend who was over 40! I know that he was not trying to be exclusive, but to drive home a point that it is this age group who needs to step up to insure the future success of Cursillo. (Sounds like the same issue that I have heard many churches echo for a number of years.)

I have asked the Servant Communities to address the future of the Anglican Cursillo of California. We recognize there is a problem. Many of our leaders, who have been active in past years, recognize that it will be harder to serve the older we get. In response to a recent survey of over 100 people that I contacted regarding interest in serving as a Rector/Rectora for a future Weekend, I had a very significant number of individuals who stated they were qualified and support the Cursillo Movement, but have chosen to use their gifts and talents in other ministries. We can only respect this feeling. We are also finding that some of our very active churches have become saturated and are experiencing difficulty finding candidates to sponsor.

In the 80’s we conducted six 3 Day Weekends per year. In the past ten years we have only held three Weekends per year, and the number attending has been declining. Some say the reason for this is because we had to move our location to Santa Rosa. Since only three Weekends have been held there to date it may be a slight factor, but the fact is this decline has been progressing over ten years. A change of locations is certainly not the primary reason. I remember Weekends held at Holy Redeemer and the Claretian Center that were sparsely attended (fewer than 20 candidates). Also, there are a number of churches in the Contra Costa and Alameda County area that hold congregational retreats and leadership seminars at the Bishop’s Ranch in Healdsburg and the Santa Cruz mountains, both of which are well over an hour away with major traffic problems.

To adequately address the issue of the future of the Anglican Cursillo of California will take time. It will take research, and the involvement/participation of many people. Above all, it will take prayer. My prayer is that this will not be a time where our emotions interfere with documented evidence of the problem and what is needed to ‘fix’ (cure) it. For the past year and a half the Secretariat has gone through a major revision of the ‘way we do business’. It has only been within the past six months that we have begun to implement some of the changes. One of the major changes has been in the establishment of Servant Communities. This is an essential element of any Cursillo Movement. These Servant Communities serve as a ‘*Christian Community in Action*’: where leaders are formed into an effective team by studying together, working together, praying together, and supporting each other in their work in the movement. The purpose of the Servant Communities is to implement the Cursillo Method. As the working arms of the Secretariat, this is where the different areas of the movement meet together, study, plan, and carry out the work of the Cursillo Movement here in the East Bay.

The NEC (National Episcopal Cursillo) has an excellent booklet on the Servant Community. We have “tweaked” some of the recommendations from this booklet in order to fit our particular needs. However, the basic foundation remains the same. We need to remember that the work of the Cursillo Movement is the work of the whole church. Servant Communities enable us to distribute that work as well as increase more involvement from the overall community. A truism is that many hands make light work. I encourage and pray that each of you for whom Cursillo has been a special part of your life, will prayerfully assess how you can somehow get involved with a Servant Community as we look at the future of the Anglican Cursillo of California.

Please complete the 2005 Involvement/Participation Form enclosed with this Newsletter and send it back right away.

We may discover that we have run the course and the Anglican Cursillo Movement in the East Bay is no longer seen as the work of the church. I pray that this is not the case, but as we read in Ecclesiastes 3: “*there is a time for every thing and a season for every activity under heaven.*”

A GREAT BEGINNING FOR 2005

Dr. Robert Schuller shares the following message entitled “*Love Expects the Best*” that I feel might be a good New Year’s Resolution. It was shared with me and I would like to share it with you.

*“Yes, you must be a new and different person, holy and good. Clothe yourself with this new nature.”
Ephesians 5:24*

Discover this truth: Your belief and your expectations tend to set into motion the very forces that cause to come to pass what you are believing and what you are expecting. In other words, if you let a person know that you believe he or she is a beautiful person, they will become beautiful people! You give them a new self-image of what they are!

Two kinds of birds fly over the California deserts, the hummingbird and the vulture. All the vulture sees is rotten meat; that’s what he’s looking for. But the hummingbird doesn’t see the carcass. Instead, it spots the blooming cactus flowers hidden behind the rocks. Each one finds what it looks for.

If you are eager to believe the best about people, they will become what you expect. You set in force psychological laws of dynamics. A psychology professor once said, “Ultimately I am not what I think I am. I am not what you think I am. I am what I think you think I am.”

I will set the positive psychological laws in motion by thinking well of others!

WISHING EACH ONE OF YOU A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

2005's First Community Ultreya !!!

Start the New Year off with the power of God's Love and join your friends and neighbors in a time of worship, sharing and inspiration. All are welcome, so all you Cursillistas invite your non-Cursillo friends to come with you and enjoy God's fellowship.

When: Saturday January 15, 2005

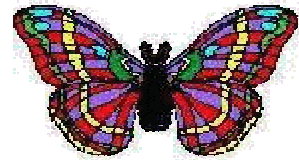
Where: St. Clare's Episcopal Church
3350 Hopyard Road
Pleasanton, CA.

Time: 5 to 8 PM

Contact: Mark Mueller-925-862-0780

We will have The DOG band, potluck dinner, short talks, sharing, prayer time, and lots of Cursillo type fun. Come join us and greet old friends and make new friends.

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Sponsor Training at 4:00 p.m. for anyone.

“Be Thou My Vision”

This was the theme for the Coed Weekend held at the Angela Center October 7 – 10, 2004. Charlie Gallagher was the Rector and Bruce Roberts served as his assistant. Cynthia Mittelsteadt served as the Head Cook with Henry Williams working as her assistant. Bruce Howland served as the Head Musician. The Rev. Bob Honeychurch was the spiritual director and Mary Ellen Gallagher served as his assistant.

Charlie reported that the Weekend worked in spite of unforeseen events. (I believe we know this as the working of the Holy Spirit.) It was reported that on Saturday afternoon before dinner the cooks had a reception on the patio where beverages and appetizers were served. It was noted that this was a terrific way to have a casual conversation with the candidates. Charlie stated that this was the true Agape for him.

The cooks divided into three teams to represent the three day weekend Cursillo journey. Each team had four members including the meal leaders for the day, another member of the cook's team, and either the Head Cook or the Assistant. These teams took on the names of the Friday ‘Faith’ team, the Saturday ‘Love’ team, and the Sunday ‘Hope’ team.

“Give Thanks”

‘Give Thanks’ was the theme selected by Craig Wissman, Rector for the Men’s Weekend held June 10–13, 2004 at the Angela Center in Santa Rosa. This was our first weekend in a new facility and everything came off fairly well. The total team was smaller than most and the number of candidates sent to us was seven. However, Craig reported that it was a great group of men and everyone got along well. Craig also reported that ‘our specific attempt at making the weekend reflective and meditative worked well. Candidates had plenty of time to ‘absorb’ the message of the Rollos. The Reconciliation service and Agape were also simplified to allow time for more reflection, meditation, and conversation.

A major highlight for this team formation was doing small group studies at each team meeting that modeled 4th Day small groups. Many of the small groups also met during the weeks between the team meetings. Again, Craig reports that a number of the team had not been in small groups, and he feels this should be built into the team building process. Father Steve Leonetti wrote the meditations with Bible references for each week that reflected on the theme of giving thanks.

“In His Time”

Linda Bettencourt, Rectora for the Women’s Weekend on June 17 -20, 2004, reported that the Angela Center was an excellent facility and worked well for our purpose. She had the rollistas take responsibility for gathering the candidates for their walk to/from the main building to their sleeping quarters. They appreciated the round tables in the dining room that allowed for better communication and a more intimate seating arrangement.

Linda reported that the size and shape of the chapel enabled them to set up various configurations to accommodate Thursday night's sponsors' service, the Reconciliation service, and the Filipino sing - out on Saturday night.

Linda felt blessed to serve as Rectora with an awesome and very flexible team in the "new" surroundings.

All three noted with thanks the wonderful support they received in so many ways from the Redwood Empire Cursillo Community. This community is offering to work with us in any way possible. In addition, the support we received from the Angela Center staff has been marvelous, not only before each weekend, but also throughout the course of the three days.

Editor's Note: As I have read all three reports for the Rectors/Rectoras for the 2004 Weekends, the concerns they addressed were fairly much the same. The most obvious one is the distance between the East Bay and the Angela Center in Santa Rosa. There was some concern about communication between the main building and Brescia Hall, but this can be worked out with walkie talkies. Another concern was getting the "physically challenged" people between the two buildings. However, with a car or even a golf cart one can avoid the stairs. All of the other concerns are ones that each of the three leaders feel can be resolved once we get used to the new surroundings and become more creative and flexible in the way we have always done things.

A major change that worked extremely well for all three Weekends was getting community involvement in an "open" Clausura. Presenting the Cursillo crosses to the candidates in front of the community at large worked great. Having those candidates who wish to briefly share with the outside community is a blessing. The final Eucharist service that is dignified, short, and meaningful brings all of us back together as one in Christ.

The Secretariat has developed a guide of the "Basic Elements for Clausura" which all future teams shall be expected to implement. One of the goals is to increase the participation of the outside community in welcoming the new Cursillistas.

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2006 Weekends

Men's Weekend	May 4-7, 2006	Grant Davis, Rector
Women's Weekend	June 1-4, 2006	Joanna Henrichs, Rectora
Coed Weekend	date TBD	Carol St. Clare, Rectora Henry Williams, Rector

Currently all weekends for 2004/2005 are scheduled for the Angela Center in Santa Rosa. More details will be forthcoming from the various teams. **NOW** is the time to begin enlisting candidates to sponsor for the **2004 Weekends**. Updated sponsor training can be received from any of our sponsor trainers. We will also schedule a special time before each Ultreya for sponsor training and updates. **The first will be held on January 15, 2005 beginning at 4:00 p.m. (before the Ultreya) at St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Pleasanton.**

ANGLICAN CURSILLO of CALIFORNIA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 11, 2005 Administrative Servant Community 6 p.m. Carrows in Dublin
(Contact Tom Henry at 925-240-7274 for information)
- January 15, 2005 Sponsor Training beginning at 4 p.m.
Community Ultreya (open to all) 5–8 p.m.
St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Pleasanton
(Contact Mark Mueller at 925-862-0780 for information)
- January 25, 2005 Secretariat Meeting 7 p.m. St. Stephen's in Orinda
(Contact Charlie Gallagher at 510-657-6712)
- February 2005 Administrative Servant Community (date to be determined)
(Contact Tom Henry at 925-240-7274 for information)
- February 10, 2005 Discernment for 2005-2006 Assistant Lay Director
7:00 p.m. at St. James Episcopal in Oakland
(Contact Charlie Gallagher at 510-657-6712)
- February 15, 2005 4th Day Servant Community 7 p.m. St. Clares in Pleasanton
(Contact Mark Mueller at 925-862-0780 for information)
- February 22, 2005 Pre Cursillo and 3 Day Weekend Servant Communities
7:00 p.m. St. Stephen's in Orinda
(Contact Mary Kincaid for Pre Cursillo at 510-886-5157)
(Contact Halle Kistenmacher for 3 Day Weekend at 925-933-8235)
- March 12, 2005 Leadership Training 9 – 2 p.m. (lunch served) St. Matthew Lutheran
Walnut Creek. (Core teams, future leaders, and interested cursillistas.)
- March 22, 2005 Secretariat Meeting 7 p.m. St. Stephen's in Orinda
(Contact Dick Brown at 925-229-4528)
- April 19, 2005 4th Day Servant Community 7 p.m. St. Clares in Pleasanton
(Contact Mark Mueller at 925-862-0780 for information)
- April 28–May 1,
2005 Men's 3 Day Weekend at Angela Center in Santa Rosa
(Contact Dick Brown at 925-229-4528 for information)
- May 24, 2005 Annual Meeting of Corporation/Secretariat Meeting
Election and Installation of New Officers
7:00 p.m. St. Stephen's in Orinda
- June 2-5, 2005 Women's 3 Day Weekend at Angela Center in Santa Rosa
(Contact Naomi Chamberlain at 925-689-1720)

Check our web site for updates and additional information!!

2005 Cursillista Involvement/Participation

Name: _____ Home Tel #: (____) _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address: _____

I am involved and support the mission of Cursillo by: (Check all that apply)

_____ Involvement in or committing to be part of a 4th Day small group to support and encourage my spiritual growth and apostolic action.

_____ Serving as a member of at least one of the following Servant Communities.

(CHECK THE SERVANT COMMUNITY OF INTEREST)

_____ Pre-Cursillo _____ 3 Day Weekend _____ Fourth Day _____ Administrative
(They meet every other month to work on ideas and make recommendations to the Secretariat. They are the "backbone" of the Cursillo Movement and also serve as a small group for spiritual support and encouragement.)

_____ Supporting Ultreyas and Group Reunions

_____ Providing financial support of \$20 or more yearly to help support the Cursillo Movement.

_____ (Checks payable: Anglican Cursillo of CA, send with completed form to Dick Brown (address below)

_____ Encouraging sponsorship and/or sponsoring a candidate into a "4th day" group and/or a 3 Day Weekend. (Candidate applications are available on the web site.)

_____ Submitting my Work Application with current address, phone, E-mail, etc.
(Work Applications are available on the web site.)

_____ Serving as a Cursillo Coordinator at my local Church/Parish

_____ Serving as an Area Coordinator coordinating activities at congregations within a geographical area.

_____ Being part of the Sponsor Training team.

_____ Working on a task force to "Enhance Clergy Relations with the Cursillo Movement"

Involvement for past Rector/a(s):

_____ Serving on a resource team of Shepherds for a 3 Day Weekend team.

Other:

Comments:

Signed

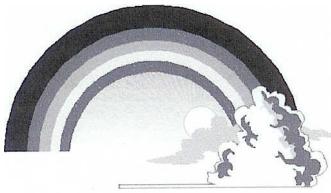
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*** Return to: Dick Brown, 1464 Parkhaven Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 ***

NOTE: Completion of this form also enables us to keep our database up to date and know who we can call on for service in the Cursillo Movement. If you DO NOT update this form yearly, you may be removed from our database.

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